

City of Asheville
Fire Marshal's Office
PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FOR THE
STORAGE AND DISPLAY OF EXPLOSIVES

The City of Asheville requires a permit for the manufacture, storage, sale or use and handling of explosives. This permit will also apply to the display and storage of small arms ammunition at trade shows.

Permit Applications, which typically take 1-2 business days to process, are available at the One Stop Development Center located at:

Building Safety Department
161 S. Charlotte St.
P.O. Box 7148, Asheville, NC
Phone: (828) 259-5846

Permit Requirements:

Three (3) sets of documents must be submitted for approval. An inspection shall be required prior to the approval of the permit. The following is a list of requirements:

1. The plans shall include:
 - The Location of the event.
 - The type of explosive.
 - The amount of explosives.
 - Details on how the explosive is being stored.
 - Dates and times of activity.
 - The fire protection systems of the building.
 - Location shall have a current periodic approved Fire inspection.
2. The NC Fire Code regulates the display and storage of small arms ammunition in Group M occupancies. Per NC Fire Code section **105.6.14**, an operational permit is required to operate exhibits and trade shows, so use of a Group A occupancy for a trade show shall be regulated as follows:

No permits will be granted for any un-sprinklered portion of the building.

Display limits:

Smokeless propellant. No more than 20 pounds of smokeless propellants, each in containers of 1 pound or less capacity, may be displayed.

Black powder. Not allowed.

Small arms primers. No more than 10,000 small arms primers may be displayed.

Storage limits:

Smokeless propellant. Not allowed over 20 pounds outside of a type 2 or 4 magazine.

Black powder. Not allowed.

This section applies per trade show; not per individual show booth.

**Please call (828) 259-5441
at least 48 hours in advance to request an inspection.**

